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The Alexanders of the Council are not yet dead. Some of them will appear before us, very much in the flesh, during this annual meeting. May we hope that some phrases of historic duplication may be omitted and that not too many Caesars and Napoleons and William Hohenzollerns must appear on the scene before our John Hays and Charles E. Hughes come to their own. We must have faith. We must.

"Doubt not that through the ages one increasing purpose runs
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."

At least, some of us have the revelation to our imagination of the oneness of Christian education. The idea is becoming more and more assimilable to our minds. In some fields and to some minds it has actually become practicable. At some points, even if at isolated points, it is giving a new color. Now and then we can perceive a new spirit. Let us have faith that in God's due time it will give a new direction to education under Christian auspices.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEMINARY AND UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

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On occasions like this one feels it to be an obligation as well as a privilege to give expression to the joy that has been his during the year just passed in the service in which he has been engaged. New friendships have been made and others enriched. The joy in fellowship has been rivaled only by the joy of beginnings made and of the hope of more significant accomplishment.

My chief has shown a cordial patience during the year and has been generous in his consideration during the time of further adjustment. His fellowship and closer comradeship has been the source of encouragement and pleasure. The Secretaries of the Boards, and particularly the University committee of the Council, have been to their younger servant, all that one could hope them to be. They have shown not only a breadth of sympathy and patience, but also a tender regard. The workers in the field have shown every consideration. The national and regional representatives of the Associations have manifested greater confidence than had been anticipated. The University and Seminary authorities have been more cordial

than was deemed probable. They have given of their time without stint and have manifested much interest in what we are trying to do.

On being instructed to close the Chicago office the furniture and fixtures were disposed of to the best possible advantage under the circumstances. This took some time and meant devoting attention to other than constructive effort. Everything was closed out except a few articles which were sent to New York and the keys were turned over on April 30.

Since this time I have enjoyed many courtesies from the Chicago office of the Presbyterian Board of Education, spent some time on the road, some time in the New York office and some time in my home, using it as an extension office.

Visitation—The visits to the universities during the last year have been few and brief. Very few indeed have been on specific errands. They have been chiefly casual as other work happened to take me to the vicinity. During the year the following universities have been visited: Michigan, Illinois, Lansing, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio and Ohio State, Delaware, Maryland, Pittsburg, Princeton and Johns Hopkins. While calls have been made, none of the schools have been studied.

Until a school is visited and visualized it is but a name to me, and I can be of little service to it. Although I have now been with you a year and a half, I have not touched any appreciable number of these places which you may rightly expect me to serve. My total traveling expenses for the Council the last twelve months has been \$372.64.

Inter-Church Pastorates—Little has been done in assisting in this primary work, due to the inability to do the necessary traveling. Closer touch with the field must be had if we are to get from these promising enterprises what we should. New points have been opened during the year. Much more personal attention should be given these strategic experiments.

Co-operative Work in Universities—Progress is reported in Cornell, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Texas, Ohio State, Lawrence and Manhattan. The work at Ann Arbor is practically at a standstill. Careful study needs to be made at the earliest date, of Missouri, Minnesota, California, and Seattle particu-

larly. It is highly important also that we respond to the calls for help from the Southern Universities. Just at this time we are solicited to lend a helping hand at the University of California, with special reference to the relation of the University to the Divinity Schools in general and to the Pacific School of Religion in particular. This is a strategic opportunity for us, and we can ill afford to disregard it, as is the case of the call from the Southern possibilities. If our work is to be effective we must not only visit these schools, but also remain long enough to be of some constructive value.

Conferences Attended—A number of conferences have been attended during the year. A series of conferences were held with representatives of the Association and various Church Boards in the formulation and development of the so-called Geneva Plan in particular and for student conferences in general. Denominational and interdenominational educational conferences have been attended and papers presented. Three summer student conferences were attended, Estes Park, Geneva, and Silver Bay. The report of the Geneva Plan as tried in these conferences appears in the October issue of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The Conference of the University Committee held recently at Madison, Wisconsin, assisted in clarifying the atmosphere, locating responsibility and providing a basis for further co-operative negotiations. More recently a series of conferences were held in connection with Professor Kent's meetings at the Universities of Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio State. They have added much enthusiasm for the development of religious education at these centers.

Schools of Religion—This most promising aspect of the University work calls for the full time of a Secretary. All over the country there is a growing consciousness of need of stronger emphasis on the educational approach to the religious life of the student. Apparently this can only be met adequately in State Universities by high-grade Union Schools of Religion. Embryonic Schools of Religion are now working at the Universities of Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Ohio and Indiana. Other projects are under study at the universities of Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Washington, Oregon, California and some southern schools. Many others are feeling the need, but have

not taken steps toward developing plans to secure such schools.

Schools of Religion are going to be organized in many centers during the next decade. To succeed they must have a recognized interdenominational educational agency to foster them. They need it to assist them to secure recognition from other educational standardizing agencies, sympathy from the Churches, confidence of the students, respect of the faculty, assurance of donors that the Churches have a lasting vital interest in them and security of the University administration from unnecessary sectarian attacks. Since the Council is the only agency now in the field authorized and capable of undertaking this opportune task, it is highly advisable that we delay not in formulating plans and policies anticipating the numerous ill and well-timed efforts yet in their incipency. In my way of thinking, no more strategic work lies before any group of educators in the world today than this, for whose guidance and direction the Council is held primarily responsible. Particularly is this challenging, in view of the possible shift during the next generation of the places where young men will secure their professional training for religious leadership.

Survey and Publication—Since the last Council meeting the study of student attendance at Religious Training Schools was completed in accordance with your instructions and published in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. This was soon followed by the June issue of the same bulletin, wholly devoted to the discussion of Religion in American Universities. It was soon followed by an article on the “Place of the Seminary in a Unified Program Christian Education. The last issue contains the larger part of an address given before the Madison conference, on the subject “Denominational Co-operation in Religious Education at State Universities.” Other articles have been contributed to denominational papers. Considerable encouragement has come to extend the service of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION to the University Workers. The chief part of the survey work done since the Council last met cannot be reported for some time. The work is just getting under way and is not ready for publicity.

Seminary Survey—I refer to the Seminary survey now being conducted. Since August my time has been devoted to this almost

exclusively. Preliminary work had to be done in making plans, questionnaire, etc., before the visiting could be attempted. This was begun October 1st, since which time schools have been visited in New York, Toronto, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. The work is just well begun and at the present rate will require several months for completion.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

Plans are now under way to hold "Day Institutes" for faculty members in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 11, and in Topeka, Kansas, on February 12, under the general direction of the Faculty Conference of Estes Park. At these institutes Sherwood Eddy will undertake to set forth some of the major problems arising out of the relations of men in the world today, bringing fresh impressions from his observations as a world traveller. It is hoped that those in attendance may be helped by this means to articulate their college and university work more closely with the primary aspects of current life. B. M. Clerrington, who represents the Western region of the Y. M. C. A., at Denver, Colorado, is to be commended for his enterprise in promoting in this and other ways the Estes Park Faculty Conference.

We are under obligation to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. for the information that eight delegates have been appointed to represent that organization at the World's Student Christian Federation Conference to be held soon in Peking, China. The delegates are: Miss Katy Boyd George, representing the National Board; Miss Lillie Margaret Sherman, General Secretary, University of California, Alumnae representative; Miss Elizabeth Conrad, Dean of Women, Ohio State University, Faculty representative, and five undergraduate representatives, Miss Ruth Muskrat, University of Kansas; Miss Jean Kennedy, Mount Holyoke College; Miss Helen Kasbler, University of Wisconsin; Miss Mildred Tingley, Purdue University, and Miss Lydia Johnson, University of Minnesota.

The Ohio College Association has recently issued its Transactions for 1921, this being the account of the fiftieth annual meeting of that very active organization. The Transactions contain much important material for college executives and